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Tourism Development in Vijayawada

4208. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether foundation stone for developing Bhavani Island near Vijayawada as tourism development centre was laid down in 1988;

(b) if so, the financial assistance provided by the Union Government for this centre; and

(c) the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) According to the information received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, foundation stone for a sports and recreational complex at Bhavani Islands was laid in November 1986 by the then Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) No financial assistance has been provided by the Central Department of Tourism for this project.

(c) This is a State sector project and therefore the progress is not monitored by the Central Department of Tourism.

Financial Assistance to Medical Colleges in Kerala

4209. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance given to Kerala for the development of Medical Colleges in 1990;

(b) whether there is any proposal for enhancement of this allocation in future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). There is no scheme with the Govt. of India for financial assistance to any State for development of medical colleges. Therefore, no financial assistance was given to Kerala for the purpose in 1990.

Kuttipuram-Guruvayoor and Shoranur-Mangalore Line

4210. PROF. (SMT.) SAVITHRI LAKASHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the projects to construct Kuttipuram-Guruvayoor and Shoranur-Mangalore railway lines in Kerala have been approved;

(b) the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) the details regarding further steps to be taken for early completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The position in respect of the two lines is as under:

(i) KUTTIPURAM-GURUVAYOOR

Survey was carried out for Trichur-Guruvayoor-Kuttipuram new BG rail line and out of it construction of Trichur-Guruvayoor was approved in